

Ward 6 Staff



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Council Member



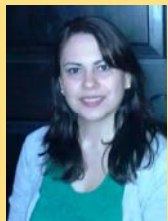
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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

October 1, 2012

Rio FBI Investigation

This'll be quick to open with.

The M&C have formally asked multiple times for the release of the Attorney General/FBI investigation into the City's Rio Nuevo involvement. I decided to request a specific study session agenda item for October 16th and request a representative from the AG's office come and give us in person a report on the status of the investigation. The answer was that they won't even confirm that an investigation is underway, much less come and talk to us about its status.

So, we'll all wait together.

Ward Redistricting

The citizen's task force has landed on two options for redistricting the wards in the City. Ward 6 will be affected since we had to pick up about 6,000 constituents in order to balance the numbers around the City. Since this was last done, Wards 1, 4 and 5 grew considerably, while Wards 2, 3 and 6 didn't grow at nearly the rate the others did. So, we have to adjust the numbers. Geographically that means we have grown on the outskirts of the community, not unexpectedly. It also suggests the need to seriously engage in the design issues some of us are proposing for some of our major corridors (Broadway, first) so we can slow the expansion in ways consistent with resource preservation themes that are critical to the region.

We'll have a public hearing on this before finally adopting one of the options, but I wanted to share them with you beforehand in case you'll want to come and share your thoughts.

The first map is the existing condition, followed by the two under consideration.

Redistricting Maps:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/10-1-12redistricting_maps.pdf

To save you a little figuring, the basic differences for Ward 6 are these:

- Option 1 – Ward 6 gains neighborhoods in the Grant/Craycroft/River areas and loses some in the Wilmot/Broadway (to consolidate Precinct 117) and Grant/Pima/Craycroft areas (this is to consolidate Precinct 107.)
- Option 2 – Ward 6 gains the area north of Grant between Swan and Alvernon, up to about Glenn as well as south of 22nd Street between Craycroft and Wilmot to about 29th, and loses those same Precinct 107 and 117 areas.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

We're committed to serving every constituent we're assigned – my preference for the longer term interests of the Ward is Option 1 since it eliminates Ward 6's current land-locked situation and gives the possibility of northerly growth as future annexation occurs.

Film Incentives

By way of an update on how film incentive packages work, the State of Utah recently announced that, thanks to major film productions shot in Utah such as "The Lone Ranger," and the upcoming science fiction film "After Earth," \$33 million was spent in Utah. That was reported by the Film Commission Executive Director for the State while he was reporting to their legislative interim committee at their State Capitol.

Last fiscal year they shot 18 new films in Utah. Their incentive package offers movie and television producers either tax credits or cash rebates if they spend a certain amount of money while shooting in Utah. The 18 productions shot last fiscal year resulted in 1,026 production jobs and 698 working days for local crew members. Note that that doesn't even include the multipliers such as car rentals, room nights, restaurants, and materials needed for building sets.

The film bill we're promoting is of that same type; that is, you don't get the money until you've already spent money. I'll continue to share about this topic as we get closer to the start of the new legislative session. Connecting with candidates is a good thing. If you'd like to stay really on top of the progress, the Tucson Film Office has a Facebook page that you can access at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tucson-Film-Office/45572051041?ref=hl>

Greyhounds

After having received a somewhat odd and uninformed email from the GM of the track, this comic is about all I could come up with for a reply -



What we did in our study session was to direct the City Attorney to draft language and bring it back to us for final adoption. In fact that language was already included in the material presented at that study session, so bringing back is nothing more than a formality that will be accomplished through consent agenda on October 9th. We unanimously told the Attorney that we're banning steroids in the City of Tucson for the purposes outlined in the clear language of the ordinance.

On the subject of legalities and playing straight with the taxpayers, here are a couple of verbatim quotes from the most recent Auditor General report on the operation of Tucson Greyhound Park:

2007 A.G. Audit

Tucson Greyhound Park. In 2005, the review noted that TGP shareholders had never filed Arizona individual income tax returns and C&Z Management, L.L.C. had never filed



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

Arizona partnership income tax returns. The shareholders communicated their desire to properly address this issue and to be in compliance with all appropriate Arizona tax laws. Consequently, TGP submitted documentation that they are working with the Arizona Department of Revenue to clarify and rectify any outstanding Arizona tax issues.

Tucson Greyhound Park. The total management fee paid to Tucson Greyhound Park's owners through a contract with ZapCon over the past six years was \$2.2 Million. In addition, Tucson Greyhound Park has received a total of \$7.6 Million in tax credits and tax exemptions from the State of Arizona during the past six years.

Neither of the owners live in Arizona. Those "fees" go out of the State. At the back end, you're subsidizing them with the credits and exemptions.

To date we have yet to see a responsible plan from TGP for segregating the females from the males when the steroids are stopped (a commitment their CEO made in the press the day after we adopted our ordinance – oops, sorry – gave direction to the City Attorney to bring back the language for formal adoption.) Instead of melting down over email communications, I'd suggest the track management and ownership take care of the dogs.

...and I'll be following up with the Arizona Department of Racing on their role in ensuring the track is maintained in a manner that doesn't result in injury to the animals any longer. It's disgusting that a commitment to that effect has to be pried out of the group putatively in place to oversee those sorts of things. It may not be surprising though when we understand that the Arizona Department of Racing is moving to being fully funded by the industry – witness this quote from the ADOR Director's letter to the Governor that appears on the cover of their most recent Annual Report:

FY 2012 saw great changes for the Department both in management and in its source of funds. On December 31, 2011, Lonny Powell left the agency and was replaced by Bill Walsh, first in an interim position and later appointed as Department head. Both of the individuals oversaw the agency's transition to self-funding over a period two years. This legislatively-mandated change removed ADOR from dependence on the General Fund and moved it to 100% industry funding by FY 2013. The change allowed the agency to move forward in a more stable and effective manner while doing its part to ease the pressure on the growing demand for scarce state resources.

I've shared previously about the ADOR being aware of substandard track conditions, broken equipment and injured animals. Asking them to sanction the track, while also moving to full funding from the racing industry may fall into this category –



Never Bite The Hand That Feeds
You

Mr. Walsh has some correspondence from me in his in box that I'm sure he'll get to when he has time.

According to ADOR records, total pari-mutuel tax receipts to the State amounted to \$254,801 in fy'12. That includes both horse and dog racing. The State also gave Tucson Greyhound Park a tax credit that year of over \$488K. I care about the animals. I also care about how the State is asking you to subsidize that industry while making budget cuts in some pretty important areas (education, roads) with the net result that we'll have to decide in November if we

self-tax to set a floor of funding in those areas while we pay for the hounds to live in crates (Mr. Taylor's word, not mine.)

Corridor Design

Ok, some fun stuff – lots of pictures!

I've been asked to speak to the RTA Technical Management Committee, and to the Broadway Project Citizen's Task Force on the motion M&C adopted related to how we define "functionality." I'm happy to do that.

Before sharing some pictures that speak to the issue, it needs to be made clear that the goal of the motion was not to "kill the project" as has been portrayed by a couple of media outlets. That's television trying to create a story. The intent is to give the CTF the purview to consider creative design options, beyond simply widening the roadway, and to let the RTA know that the City as Lead Agency is authorizing them to bring back proposals that may well be outside of the traditional RTA mindset. Otherwise, we head in this direction:

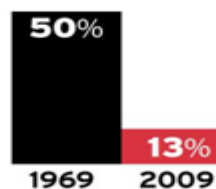


If we build community in a way that encourages alternate modes, we can chip away at avoiding making this statistic even worse:

The drastic decline in walking and biking to school



Percentage of children who walk or bike to school:



Promote dense walkable downtowns.



Here are some visuals of the sorts of design possibilities I'm suggesting that the CTF consider while studying the design of Broadway – these possibilities were captured in the motion we adopted the last time we met:



Rockville, MD



Charlottesville, VA

We traded walkable communities for parking lots.

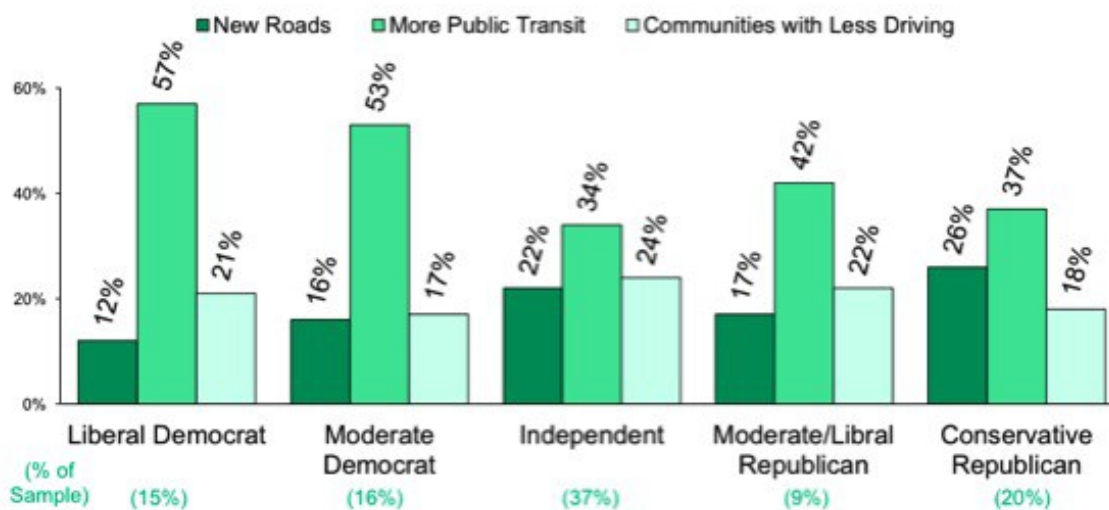


And we avoid simply ending up with this -

And this is not a partisan issue – we all recognize that there are significant advantages to encouraging people to get out of their cars, or to carpool – and that simply following the tired RTA ‘build more capacity’ model is not what we’re after.



Preferred Approach to Reducing Traffic, by Party and Ideology



What we’re talking about is replacing the RTA ‘expand capacity’ with creative considerations of mixed use development along the corridor. That is a highly supported concept in most studies – check out the graph to the right.

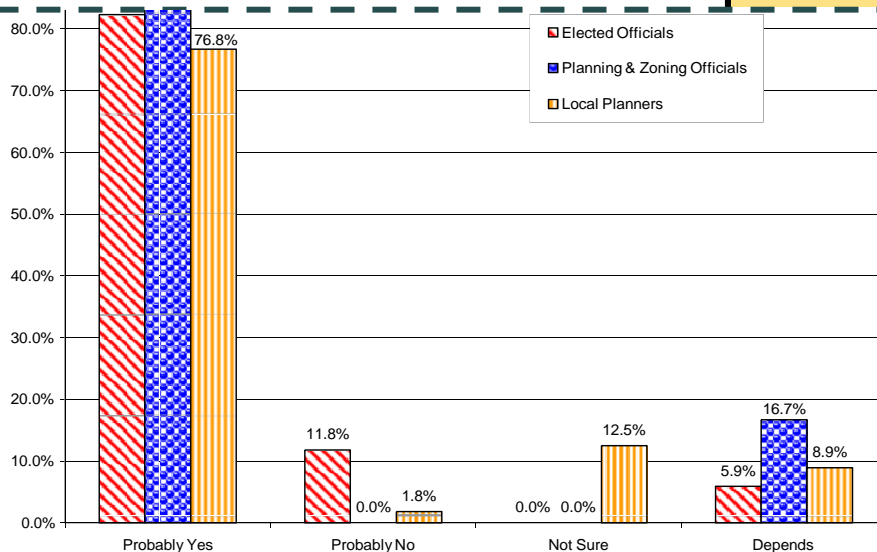


Figure 27. Community Support for Mixed-Use Development.

And the reason there's such widespread support is that it's broadly understood that building mixed use nodes along the corridor will result in fewer miles travelled, and increased use of alternate modes to get around – the next three graphs make that point -

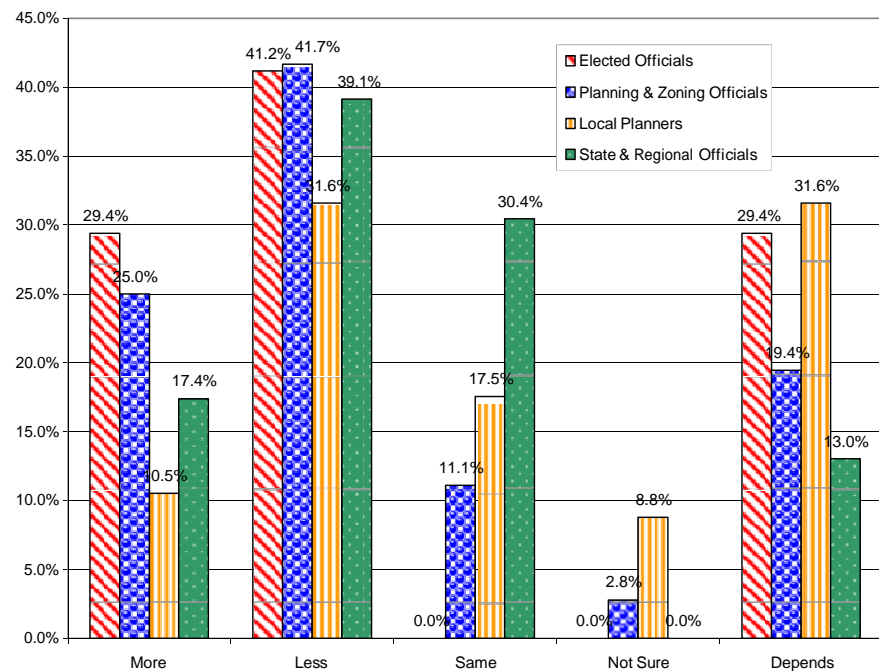


Figure 24. Expected Effect of Mixed-Use Development on Traffic Congestion.

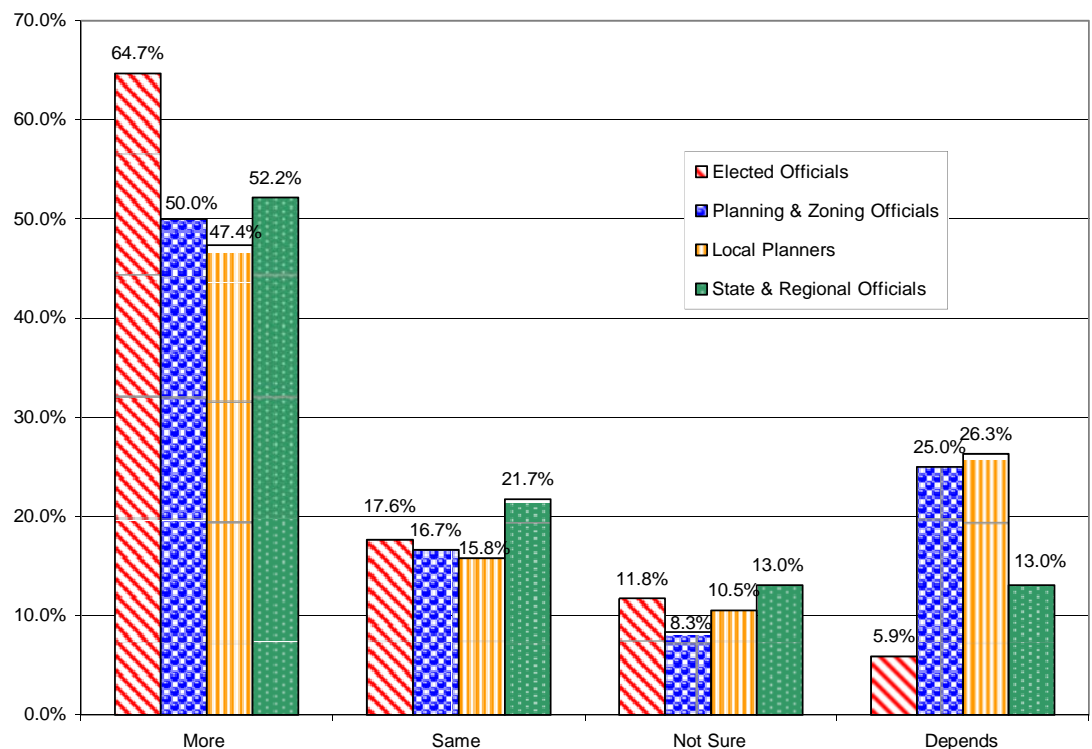


Figure 25. Expected Effect on Transit Use.

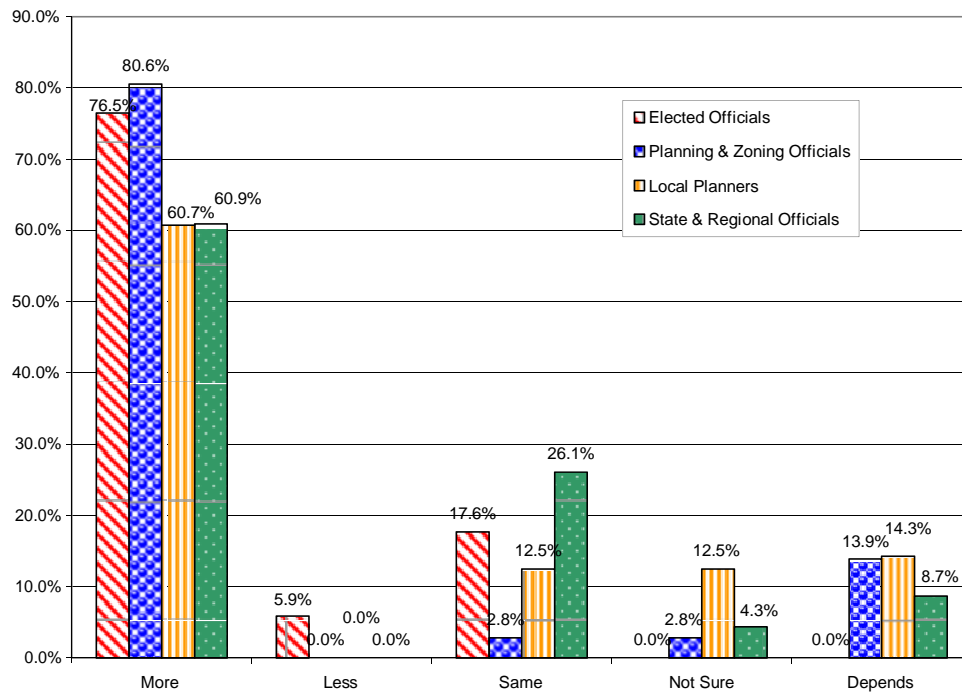


Figure 26. Expected Effect on Pedestrian and Bicycle Travel.

Source: NRDC

So the presentation I will share with both groups will be to simply point out that the goal of we as Lead Agency in the project is to enliven the discussion and nurture the idea that our Citizen's Task Force not only may, but should include design concepts that will yield a more interesting, creative and 'functional' roadway than just standing at intersections with stopwatches trying to figure out how wide they need to be in order to move cars along. With some planning, we can create efficiencies that reduce per person resource consumption and pollution. Our CTF has now been empowered to head in that direction.



And recall from the last newsletter the brief discussion of creating a pedestrian mall downtown. This picture (above) is Arizona Avenue, downtown.

And this picture (right) is a rendering of what it could be like with some attention to creative design. We don't need to necessarily shut off Congress when we have connecting corridors that are now in poor condition that could be transformed nicely.



The short message is that we've got the capability to be much better than building asphalt capacity without considering more creative ways in which to design that will incentivize different functioning.

Wildlife Crossings

Last week I solicited input from people who have studied wildlife crossings and who could clear up the whole concept as it relates to simply putting in place expensive feeding troughs for predators. While I got a couple of rude replies from people who felt I shouldn't even question the rationale, and a couple of replies from people who thought they were joining me in simply mocking the concept, Dr. Ryan Perkl from the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture shared some research into the issue. I appreciate his sincere effort to engage and share research data with me – and now, with you.

Dr. Perkl's primary research focuses on wildlife connectivity modeling and corridor design. That's exactly what I was asking about. His students are currently engaged in a statewide research grant with the Arizona Department of Game and Fish to "model and prioritize wildlife linkages throughout the state." Towards that end, Ryan shared some of the existing data/studies that speak to what I was questioning. Here are some of the results:

Ford, A. T., & Clevenger, A. P. (December 01, 2010). Validity of the prey-trap hypothesis for carnivore-ungulate interactions at wildlife-crossing structures. Conservation Biology, 24, 6, 1679-1685.

**Long-term records of locations of ungulate kill sites were obtained along the Trans-Canada Highway in Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada before and after crossing structures were built.*

** Over 13 years, 32,000 visits were made to the crossing structures, of these visits, only five resulted in kill sites being reported near crossing structures.*

** No evidence was found that predator behavior was affected at crossing structures by prey movement.*

** Results of the study found that interactions between large mammals and prey at wildlife crossing structures cannot be explained by the prey-trap hypothesis.*

Little, S. J., Harcourt, R. G., & Clevenger, A. P. (January 01, 2002). Do wildlife passages act as prey-traps? Biological Conservation, 107, 2, 135-145.

** Most passage studies record no evidence of predation in or around passages.*

** There is some evidence that predator species use different passages than their prey.*

** Evidence suggests that passages are rarely exploited as prey-traps.*

** The response of predators to artificial structures such as roads and utility corridors is varied.*

** Native carnivores have been reported avoiding artificial structures such as roads and developed areas.*

** Only one confirmed report of passages increasing predation risk.*

Thanks to Jan Cervelli for sharing my question with Dr. Perkl. It doesn't make intuitive sense to me, but the data is the data and some of the speculative rationale given sounds plausible. Now it boils down to a cost/benefit issue - \$1.2M for two crossings out by Kitt Peak / a 60% cost upcharge vs. what was originally anticipated. The RTA is funding it. Each person has to make his/her own judgment on whether it's worth the cash. One per-

spective is that if one person's life is saved by avoiding an auto collision with an animal on a high speed stretch of road, that's pretty cheap insurance.

TUSD

A couple of weeks ago I shared some thoughts on the TUSD Governing Board election that's coming in November (early balloting starts in about a week.) By way of following up on that, here are some facts regarding the District and how it spends your money:

Tucson Unified School District

Pima County

Peer groups: Efficiency Group 1, Achievement Group 3

Legislative district(s): 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30

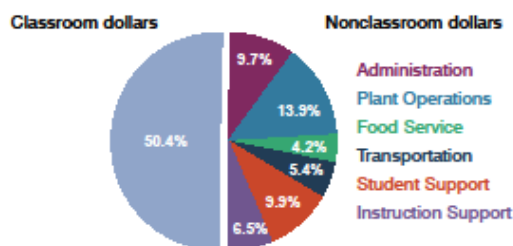
District size: Very Large

Students attending: 50,550

Number of schools: 110

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Spending by operational area



5-year trend

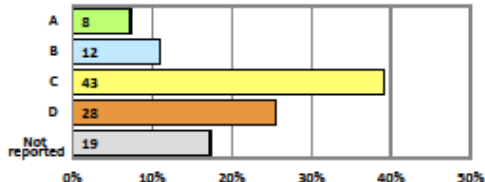
Total spending per pupil increased by 7 percent. Spending in the classroom decreased significantly from 54.9 to 50.4 percent. Spending on plant operations, transportation, and student support increased, while spending on other nonclassroom areas remained fairly stable.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TEACHER INFORMATION

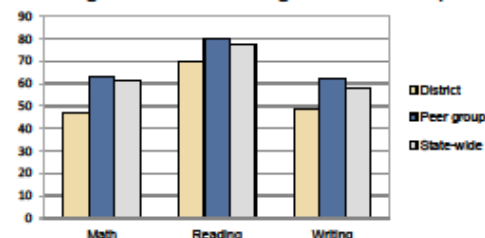
District and school letter grades

District grade: **C**

School grades (number and percentage):



Percentage of students meeting state standards (AIMS)



District's cost measures relative to peer group

Operational Area	Measure	District	Peer Average	State Average
Administration	Cost per pupil	\$793	\$613	\$728
	Students per administrator	64	81	66
Plant Operations	Cost per square foot	\$6.49	\$6.03	\$6.10
	Square footage per student	175	142	152
Food Service	Cost per meal equivalent	\$2.60	\$2.42	\$2.45
Transportation	Cost per mile	\$4.06	\$3.96	\$3.39
	Miles per rider	485	279	283

Very low Low Comparable High Very high

Student and teacher information

Measure	District	Peer Average	State Average
Attendance rate	94%	94%	95%
Graduation rate (2010)	84%	81%	78%
Poverty rate (2010)	24%	22%	22%
Students per teacher	17.8	18.0	18.1
Average teacher salary	\$47,415	\$46,077	\$45,637
Average years of experience	12.7	12.6	10.9
Percent of teachers in first 3 years	9%	9%	16%

Proposition 301 pay, goals, and results

Average additional salary earned by teachers: \$3,740

Type of goal	Goal met?
Student achievement	■
Dropout/graduation rates	-
Student attendance	-
Parent/student satisfaction	-
Teacher attendance	-
Teacher professional development	■
Teacher evaluations	-
Tutoring	-
Other	■

■=yes, □=no, ▮=partially, and - = no goal set

Per-pupil spending by operational area

	District 2010	District 2011	Peer 2011	State 2011	National 2009
Total	\$8,175	\$8,184	\$7,125	\$7,485	\$10,591
Classroom dollars	\$4,410	\$4,124	\$4,080	\$4,098	\$6,456
Nonclassroom dollars:	\$3,765	\$4,060	\$3,045	\$3,387	\$4,135
Administration	738	790	613	728	1,147
Plant Operations	1,049	1,158	853	927	1,005
Food Service	212	344	317	373	404
Transportation	448	444	330	332	443
Student Support	785	811	336	371	373
Instruction Support	315	330	372	434	335

I'm not going to go through and analyze all of the data here – each person will focus in on a few of them that matter most individually. We have an important set of candidate forums coming. Also, I'm sure the Star will continue to post candidate questions/answers. The District is a key component of how we attract businesses, but more basically, how we educate our kids. That is worthy of some homework by the adults who will select the governing body in November.



On October 14th @ 7:30am out at Buckelew Farms, the Southern Arizona Roadrunners and the UA medical center, along with multiple other sponsors will host a 5K run/walk in support of the neurological services at the University of Arizona Department of Surgery. This is an event that supports the medical needs of those in our community who are facing tough times. The event is open to all ages, will include a costume contest and offers plenty of other goodies that are typical of road race events. Check out the website @ www.greatpumpkinrace.com for more details.

North End Zone Project

The project enclosing the north end zone at Arizona Stadium has gone through some pretty significant changes since mid-spring. Here are some aeriels that show the time lapse in case you're interested.

Monthly Aerial Photos - May - Sept (Color)

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/10-1-12MonthlyAerialPhotosMay-Sep.pdf>

Next home game is Family Weekend against Washington on October 20th. Tickets @ 621.CATS.

Ballot Propositions

Finally, there will be 10 Propositions on the ballot this November, seven of which were referred by the Legislature, two from petition signatures and one from M&C. The League of Women Voters has a very good booklet that gives a synopsis and objective review of pro's and con's for each. Their web site is lwvaz.org. The Star has also been running some reviews on each of them. In case you missed all of that, and in honor of the fact that early voting starts right around the corner, here are the Propositions and very brief reviews of each.

None of these summaries is me taking a position on any of them, but simply giving a real brief description intended to peak your interest to do some more hunting on your own.

- Prop. 114 – Amends the State Constitution to give an exemption to crime victims from damage claims who injure the criminal if the crime is classified as a felony offense.
- Prop. 115 – Expands the number of judicial nominees sent to the Governor from the current 3 up to 8, and it changes the composition of the screening commission by giving the Governor 14 of the 15 members on the commission (currently the Governor appoints 10 of the members and the State Bar Association appoints 5.)
- Prop. 116 – Increases the amount of personal property expenses that are exempt from property taxes for both commercial and agricultural businesses. Currently the first \$50K is exempt – this proposition would increase that to a formula based level equal to the earnings of fifty Arizona workers.

- Prop. 117 – State Constitutional amendment that would limit the annual growth allowed on a property's Primary and Secondary value to 5% over the previous years level. It eliminates the distinction between full cash value and limited values and replaces that with a single appraised value – and caps the allowable increase at 5%.
- Prop. 118 – State Constitutional amendment that would change the formula by which State Land Trust funds are distributed, largely impacting the level of funding for K-12 education. Currently the formula results in wide fluctuations from year to year – the change would flatten out the contributions based on a set % of the average monthly market value of the fund for the previous year.
- Prop. 119 – Another amendment to the State Constitution that would allow for the exchange of State Trust land for other public land if the exchange either protects military facilities from encroaching development or for improving the management of State Trust lands. One or the other.
- Prop. 120 – Amends the Arizona Constitution and declares the State's sovereignty and exclusive authority over the air, water, public lands, minerals, wildlife and other natural resources within the boundaries of the State. The impact on federal laws such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and the ability to control many federal public lands is unclear.
- Prop. 204 – Makes permanent the current 'temporary' one-cent sales tax that is presently funding education. Under this Proposition, the allocation of the funds from the extension of that temporary tax would be:
 - 50% to the "quality education and performance fund"
 - 1% to "education learning and accountability"
 - 9% to "education accountability and improvement"
 - 10% to State roadways
 - 2.5% to "children's health insurance"
 - 10% to "family stability and self-sufficiency"
 - 5% to "university scholarships"
 - 12.5% to the State General fund for inflation adjustments for the K-12 school system. It would set a floor at the current funding level for education.
- Prop 409 – City Bonds would be sold @ \$20M per year for the next five years (starting in fy'14) to fund road repair in the City of Tucson. Cost increase to property taxes is estimated at \$3 p/month on per \$100 assessed valuation of your home.

When amending the State Constitution, you should take seriously the vote you're casting. What I've given is a real brief summary. Each of these has its own nuances, each of which deserves your scrutiny. The election isn't until November 6th and I'd encourage you to take the time to study each of these between now and then, and not simply cast a quick yes/no based on what I've provided here.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
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Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St. www.RialtoTheatre.com

Monday, October 1, 8:00pm. “**Dr. Dog**” Tuesday, October 2, 8:00pm. “**Head and the Heart**”

Wednesday, October 3, 7:00pm. “**The Shins**” Friday, October 5, 7:30pm. “**Say Anything**”

Saturday, October 6, 8:00pm. “**Devotchka**” Sunday, October 7, 8:00pm. “**Here Come the Mummies**”

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St. www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Monday, October 1, 8:00pm. “**Pat Metheny Unity Band**” Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm. “**The Weight of the Nation: A Film Screening**” Saturday and Sunday, October 6 & 7, 7:30pm. “**Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**”

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. www.arizonatheatre.org

Arizona Theatre Company presents “**Next to Normal**” Saturday, September 15 – October 6, 2012.

Tucson Convention Center <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

TCC Exhibit Halls

Friday thru Sunday, October 5-7, “**SAHBA Home Show.**”

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave. www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, October 6 and ending January 20: “**Barbara Rogers: The Imperative of Beauty, A Fifty-Year Retrospective**”

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave. www.Moca-Tucson.org

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show** Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave. www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave. <http://www.thedrawingstudio.org/>

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens September 1 and runs September 29 “**Capturing Nature’s Light: Landscapes by TDS Associates**”

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave. www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

Meet Me at Maynards www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Tucson Farmers’ Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers’ Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond <http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

Open by appointment only 2nd Saturday of each month, extended hours to 5:00pm – 9:00pm
300 E. Congress St.

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events**Loft Cinema** www.loftcinema.com/

Tuesday, October 2. 7:30pm. "The Beatles: Magical Mystery Tour"

Friday, October 5. 7:00pm. "Escape Fire with Dr. Andrew Weil in person"

Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program – Saturday, October 6

Join the Garden Conservancy and visit some of America's Best Private Gardens. On Saturday, October 6 visit three spectacular gardens in the community. Open Days are self-guided and no reservations are required. Admission is \$5 per garden or \$25 for a book of six. Visit <http://www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays> for more information.

1st Saturday Art Walk

This Saturday, October 6, Central Tucson Gallery Association (CTGA) will host a self-guided tour during the contemporary art season-opener. There will be art displays and artist receptions at various downtown galleries. <http://www.ctgatucson.org/first-sat.html>

League of Women Voters Candidate Forums:

- Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm. Corporation Commission, Temple Emanu-El, 225 N Country Club
- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30pm. District 3 Congressional Forum. Pima Community College's West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Rd.

Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents "Casablanca"
on Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m.
To view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemalaplacita.com/>

**National Night Out in Ward 6 – October 2**

Palo Verde Neighborhood, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Garden District Neighborhood, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Blenman Elm Neighborhood, TBD
Feldman's Neighborhood, 6:00 – 8:00